Sub-letting of Government Accommodation

4214. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Estates had conducted a drive against sub-letting of Government accommodation by Government Employees;

(b) if so, the details of the number of Government employees found guilty of sub-letting the Government accommodation during the last five years and action taken against erring employees; and

(c) the fresh steps taken by Government to check the menace of sub-letting especially in the colonies which are near the commercial centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During surprise checks of the quarters as also in a special drive in 2001, the number of quarters detected sub-let in the last five years are as follows:–

1997	—	315
1998	—	150
1999	—	307
2000	—	435
2001	—	1951

Action has been initiated against the allottees in all these cases. After following the prescribed procedure under the Allotment of Government Residences (General Pool in Delhi) Rules, 1963 and the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971, cancellation of 916 quarters have been made and 655 quarters have been got vacated since January, 1997 to December, 2001. Besides debarment of defaulting allottees for seeking further allotment, the administrative Ministries/Departments have also been advised to initiate disciplinary proceedings against the delinquent Government servants under relevant Conduct Rules.

(c) The Directorate of Estates has constituted dedicated teams to conduct inspections in Government colonies and special emphasis is put on areas which are near the commercial centres.